

MARCH 23, 1816.

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Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House  
on Monday next.

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## A Bill

*For the confirmation of certain claims to land in the western district  
of the State of Louisiana.*

1 WHEREAS, by the eighth section of the act of third March,  
2 one thousand eight hundred and seven, it is required that  
3 the commissioners for ascertaining and adjusting the titles  
4 and claims to land in the then Territories of Orleans and  
5 Louisiana, should arrange their reports into three general  
6 classes, the second of which classes should contain claims  
7 which though not embraced by the provisions of the several  
8 acts of congress, ought nevertheless, in the opinion of the  
9 commissioners, to be confirmed in conformity with the laws,  
10 usages, and customs of the Spanish government: And  
11 whereas, the commissioners in and for the western district  
12 of the State of Louisiana, formerly Territory of Orleans,

13 in their several reports of the sixteenth of October, one  
 14 thousand eight hundred and twelve, fourth of December,  
 15 one thousand eight hundred and twelve, ninth of March,  
 16 one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, sixth of April,  
 17 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, first of May, one  
 18 thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and fourth of May,  
 19 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, have formed this  
 20 second class, recommending the claims which it embraces,  
 21 for confirmation, and have designated the same by letter B.

1 *Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
 2 *sentatives of the United States of America, in Congress as-*  
 3 *sembled,* That the claims marked B, in the above mentioned  
 4 reports of the commissioners for the western district of the  
 5 State of Louisiana, formerly Territory of Orleans, and re-  
 6 commended by them for confirmation, be and the same are  
 7 hereby confirmed: *Provided nevertheless,* That under no one  
 8 claim shall any person or persons be entitled under this act  
 9 to more than the quantity contained in a league square.